

Springerville Town Council  
Minutes  
August 4, 2004

Present: Mayor Kay Dyson, Mary Nedrow Vice Mayor, Pete Hunt and Scott Cray

Absent: Mark Baca – excused

Staff: Scott Garms Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Eduardo Coronado Town Attorney, Tom Malone, Marnie Uhl Chamber Director and Jane Swartz Airport Manager

Public: Dave and Amy Pulsifer, Marnie Uhl, Jeff Barbe, Susan Martin, Larisa Bogardus, Phelps & Kay Wilkins, Phil Settler, and Chris Buck.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dyson at 6:02pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Nedrow followed by a moment of silence.
3. Public Participation: Dave Pulsifer asked about the donation approved by the council for the Sheriff's Posse. He was told it should be ready.
4. Manager, Council, Airport, and Chamber reports:

Councilman Hunt reported he attended the Chamber meeting and felt that it was well organized. There will be a chamber retreat on the 10<sup>th</sup>. He also attended part of a planning and zoning meeting and an insurance meeting. He reported that the state insurance is pretty cut and dry. If the town leaves the State coverage they can't go back. What is budgeted is what the town will use.

Mayor Dyson announced that the next Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the senior center.

Councilman Cray reported he attended a Blue Hills meeting in Eagar. They plan to give merit raises to employees based on performance. There was discussion on the oil spill at the KP fire where they will be disposing of 80 to 90,000 yards of soil. The next meeting will be sometime in October. He also attended an airport meeting which he would let Mr. Garms report on.

Mayor Dyson reported she attended the State Rural Health Conference in Phoenix on behalf of the Health Care District and she attended the hospital rededication on Saturday. She encouraged everyone to use our local services in our new facility.

The Health Care District will meet on Thursday the 12 in St. Johns. Next week is National Community Health Center week. There will be clinic tour in St. Johns on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the Springerville Community health Center will have an open house on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

She attended a Community Fire Wise half day seminar at the auditorium talking about how to make both communities fire wise. She attended the fire truck dedication and encouraged the public to go to the fire station. The truck cost \$156,000 and the town acquired it for \$15,000 through FEMA.

She attended a Forest Health Town Hall with Jon Kyl, Jake Flake and Bill Konopnicki. The discussion was forest health issues such as the stewardship contracts being awarded by the Forest Service. Basically this is restarting forestry in our area. We are the first forest to try this.

There will be a candidate forum on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion at 7:00pm for the position of supervisor and sheriff.

She will be attending a Social Services Block grant meeting tomorrow where she will be hearing information regarding money for a homeless shelter.

Marnie Uhl reported the Chamber of Commerce gave a written report. Ms. Uhl advised the Council that the Business after Hours hosted by Sue Chacon of Speckled Trout and Dr. Susan Black of the

Springerville Chiropractic Clinic will be on the same night as the candidate forum from 5:30 to 7:00pm. They will be assisting the American Legion with the candidate forum.

July 15<sup>th</sup> the new rates for the Casa Malpais tours went into effect and did not hear any comments about the rates. They are now comparable to what other sites and archaeological parks charge for their tours.

There will be a ribbon cutting for the White Mountain Academy Campus K-8 on Friday at 2:00pm with an open house from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.

Jane Swartz briefly reported on the first and second quarters of the airport. She reported that they have been busy. The traffic has increased due to the fire season starting early. They purchased a Jet-A fuel truck for fueling the helicopters in support of the forest service.

They are renting out the Cherokee plane for student instruction as well as to private pilots.

The Springerville Municipal Airport Committee has been meeting regularly on the rules and regulations and will be starting on minimum standards for the airport. They recently had representatives of the Aeronautics Division of ADOT here for a meeting regarding updating the Airport Master Plan. They are working with ADOT in writing a request for proposal.

Mayor Dyson commented that the airport phone number is hard to find in the local phone book and asked if they could find a way to get it listed.

Ms. Swartz gave the council a copy of a letter she submitted to the FAA and ADOT concerning changes and returned a survey the town requested. They also submitted an economic development study for a brochure.

Mr. Garms reported that there will be departmental reports and activities submitted each month to the council under tab four of their council packets.

Mr. Garms reminded the council that he and two council members will be gone during the first meeting in September and asked for direction in postponing or canceling that meeting.

Mayor Dyson suggested that the council members get in touch with Mr. Garms regarding whether to postpone or cancel the meeting and announced that they would not have a meeting the first Wednesday in September due to the annual League conference.

5. Minutes: Consider approval of the minutes from the town council meeting held on July 21, 2004 at 6:00pm.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt to approve the minutes of the town council meeting held on July 21, 2004.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

6. "Save our School" Committee: Discussion and action concerning a presentation by the Save our School Committee.

Kay Wilkins reported that they have raised \$12,336.54 in the last month. Almost one thousand dollars of that came from the sale of bricks. The Historical Society donated \$3,800 and donated a quilt to raffle during Eagar Daze and will have other fund raising events. Mrs. Wilkins reported that David Silva and Gloria Eagar have joined the committee.

Mr. Wilkins challenged the council to go out and sell one or two bricks. He also asked for the council's permission to temporarily display them in Becker Park for three or four years. The bricks could be put in sand. He felt that there would be a more positive response from people if they were able to tell people what the use of the building would be. He suggested another committee that could be charged with recommendations for the use of the building.

Mr. Garms explained that he did not have any information on the deed restrictions tonight but reported that he is currently waiting for a report from the structural engineer who was here last week. Doug Wolf was going to send some preliminary information prior to this meeting but has not come yet. Mr. Wolf noted that the mold problem did appear to be significant in some areas of the building and will work hand in hand with the structural engineer to find a process to engineer the roof and stop the deterioration along with the abatement.

In his meeting with Dana Overson he was informed that they need to come up with a plan relatively soon on the amendment on the CDBG grant within the next thirty to forty five days. Currently the grant calls for demolition and asbestos abatement. If we are doing something other than that there will have to be an amendment soon.

Mayor Dyson reported that Doug Wolf is writing an RFP to send out to anyone who will come and remediate. He has also offered to come and present his report to the council and building committee. He concern was the mold and basically said that the roof and foundation can't be done until the mold is remediated. She reminded the council and committee that we cannot use that building for town office space or functions however there can be a public meeting room. It can be used as a visitor's center, museum or library. She suggested that the building committee and the Save the School committee have a meeting and makes a recommendation to the council.

7. Ordinance 2004-004: Discussion and first reading of Town of Springerville ATV Ordinance 2004-004.

Mr. Garms explained that the local ATV Club is sponsoring a jamboree in September. During this special event they would be able to access city services such as gas stations, stores and restaurants from their Trail Head. He advised the council that within a one year time period the ATV Club was able to change state law to allow for local ordinances or permits to exempt registration insurance requirements. Any person driving the streets in Springerville in an unregistered ATV would still be required to be a licensed driver. Mr. Garms further explained that this ordinance would be in force only during events sponsored or endorsed by the Town of Springerville. The age limit for ATV riders is sixteen years old. The jamboree is sponsored by several entities and local businesses. The jamboree will take place on September 8 through the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Garms explained to the public that this ordinance has an emergency clause that will allow for adoption tonight and not go through the first and second reading process. He reiterated that once this jamboree is over the ATV's cannot be on the roadway. He advised that he has been in contact with the Risk Pool and the League of Cities and both are comfortable with it. There will be designated routes but we will have to wait to see what the State of Arizona does regarding state highways. If the State says that they cannot use any state highways, then it will severely impact Main Street in Springerville. Then some back streets will have to be designated so they can get to the city services. If the State will allow the use of US 60 and 260 in Eagar then South Mountain and Main Street will be the designated streets. There will be some restrictions such as a twenty five mph speed limit and they be required to drive in the right most part of the traffic lane in single file. Drivers under the age of eighteen will have to wear safety gear as well as have headlights, taillights and a qualified spark arrestor from the Forest Service.

Mr. Garm's recommendation to the council to allow this jamboree to take place this year and if it works they will be prepared for next year, but if it does not then they will make the necessary changes.

Mayor Dyson read "an ordinance of the Town of Springerville, Arizona relating to the use of "ATV's" all terrain vehicles within Town of Springerville Municipal boundaries and requiring adherence to certain rules and regulations; providing penalties for violations and declaring an emergency". This means that this ordinance will go into effect tonight; there will not be a second reading if passed.

Motion by Scott Cray/Pete Hunt to adopt Ordinance 2004-004.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Scott Cray Pete Hunt
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8. Rezoning of 105-21-107: Discussion and action concerning the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation on Parcel 105-21-107.

Mr. Garm's explained that this rezone is the back portion of a property belonging to Vicente Ordonez that is being renovated into a restaurant. The current zoning splits this property so that half is commercial and the back half is residential. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to approve the rezone and to send their recommendation to the Council.

Councilman Hunt expressed concern with the current 300 feet commercial boundary along Main Street and felt that the zoning book needs clarification.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and approve the rezoning of Parcel 105-21-107 to reflect C-1 for the entire parcel.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Scott Cray Pete Hunt
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9. Executive Session: Consider entering into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney concern a lawsuit.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt to adjourn into executive session at 7:35pm

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Scott Cray Pete Hunt
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Motion by Scott Cray/Kay Dyson to return to the regular meeting at 8:00pm.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Scott Cray Pete Hunt
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Motion by Scott Cray/Mary Nedrow motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Scott Cray Pete Hunt
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The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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Kay Dyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday August 4, 2004. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2004

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Town Clerk